

TALK MINUS ACTION.

NO CONCLUSION REACHED ON THE WILSON BILL.

The Senate Session Consumed in Argument For and Against the Measure.

Messrs. Ingalls and Blair Attack the Senate Committee for Its Action on the Army Question.

The River and Harbor Bill Passed by the House—The Hennepin Canal Clause Retained—An Order of Interest to Those Refusing to Answer.

Census Questions—Items.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Mr. Sherman, from the committee on foreign affairs, reported an amendment to be offered to the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill authorizing the president to carry into effect the recommendation of the international conference by the appointment, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, of three commissioners to represent the United States in the intercontinental railway commission, also to take from the army and navy such officers as may be spared without detriment to the service to serve as engineers under such commission, to make surveys and appropriate maps as the share of the United States of the expenses of such commission and survey.

Mr. Stewart moved the reading of which was agreed to, calling on the secretary of agriculture for information as to the use of artesian wells and other water supplies from subterranean sources, irrigation, etc. The senate bill subjecting imported liquors to the laws of the several states was again taken up and Mr. Morgan made an argument against its constitutionality. Mr. Faulkner expressed himself as in favor of doing something; of passing some bill that would relieve the situation which now confronts congress. The question had been discussed as if it only affected Iowa and other prohibitory states, but it affected all those states in which the system of high license and of local option prevailed. If he understood it correctly the decision of the supreme court involved the question whether or not a state could collect revenue from the license system or could permit its citizens to have local option, or could prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors. He himself believed as the people of his state did, that the high license system was the method of dealing with the question, and that the amendment (somehow similar to the substitute reported by the judiciary committee) provided that as soon as the article of spirits was delivered to the state, it should be the place of destination all its characteristics as an article of commerce should cease and it should become subject to state laws.

Mr. Pugh argued in favor of the bill. The defeat of the bill would leave the states in a most serious predicament. He believed that the states should have the power, without any legislation by congress to control the sale and use of intoxicants within their limits.

Mr. Allison expressed his entire sympathy with the idea that the state should absolutely control the question of the traffic in spirits, and that the amendment should be voted for almost any bill which would give the place of destination all its characteristics as an article of commerce should cease and it should become subject to state laws.

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VERY FAVORABLE.

THE GENERAL OUTLOOK FOR THE STATE'S CROPS.

A Few Localities Report Damage from Hessian Fly, Drouth or Hail.

The South and West Showing a Good Condition—No Drouth in Stevens This Year.

Reports from Forty-Three Cities and Towns in the State—Figures Showing that There Will Be No Surplus Wheat This Fall.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 28.—The Times says concerning the crop prospects in Kansas:

From the reports received it is apparent that Kansas crops are suffering at all from any cause. The main trouble lies through the center of the state. Throughout the southern tier of counties, as in fact throughout the entire state, there has been a general backwardness of the season and a need of rain. The latter hurts the outlook only in point of loss of time. Rains have fallen so far as to leave the ground in the southwestern part of the state making the prospect for general good crops in this section better than in the rest of the state. The outlook in question is new and embraces Stevens county, whose people were destitute of winter wheat, but the failure of crops in the preceding growing season. There are isolated places in the state outside of the central strip mentioned that are in poor crops, and these spots have either been hit by drouth, or too much cold, the Hessian fly or hail. Corn in one or two sections has been planted, but in the places where it has been planted it is not rated as coldly unpromising. If rains fall centrally across the state in ten days the crops in that portion will not be injured. The outlook, however, is not so good, while in some parts of Kansas crops have never in the history of the state looked better. The reports in detail are as follows:

Kinsley.—The wheat outlook in this section is excellent; rains good and in season; better outlook than in previous years; yield will average over twenty bushels to the acre. Rush Creek.—Excellent condition of all crops; rains late for some crops, but insure wheat and double usual average; the yield will be over twenty bushels to the acre. Carbondale.—Outlook favorable; recent rains very timely; will compare about evenly with last year. The yield will be about twenty bushels to the acre. Partridge.—Wheat and corn are in splendid condition; this week will increase the yield fully 30 per cent; oats a complete success; corn will average twenty bushels to the acre and corn forty or more. Sedgewick.—General condition good; rains very timely; corn and wheat are backward; estimate can not be made for two weeks. Minneapolis.—The outlook is good and all crops are in good condition; corn will average eighteen bushels. Lost Springs.—Crops better than for years; the recent rains insure all small crops; corn will average twenty bushels, oats forty-five bushels. Colony.—Crops are in good condition and recent rains have helped them; corn and wheat are in better shape than last year, but the corn is not so good. Olathe.—Crops are in general good condition; the recent rains have helped them; wheat better than last year; the wheat will yield twenty bushels an acre. Augusta.—Frost damaged crops to some extent; the recent rains have helped them; wheat better than last year; the wheat will yield twenty bushels an acre. Lewis.—Condition good; rains very timely; corn and wheat are in good condition; the wheat will yield twenty bushels an acre. Newton.—The outlook is good; the recent rains have helped them; corn and wheat are in good condition; the wheat will yield twenty bushels an acre. Topeka.—The outlook is good; the recent rains have helped them; corn and wheat are in good condition; the wheat will yield twenty bushels an acre.

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